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(b) whether in any of the district board areas toll-gate fees are levied only once and that at the first gate and whether the rest of the gates through which the car passes that day are considered as clearance gates; and

(c) whether it is a fact that if a car is to pass about 80 miles at a stretch, the owner has to pay not less than Rs. 4 in the Madura District Board?

A.—(a) No. The maximum rate of tolls leviable on motor-vehicles is given in Rule 26 of Schedule IV to the Madras Local Boards Act. District Boards levy tolls at such rates as they settle not exceeding this maximum.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"With reference to (b) and (c), will the Government be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir."

Damages to buildings in Tuni by the recent floods.

*1232 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a portion of the town of Tuni abutting the Thandava river is in a precarious state on account of the erosion caused by the river;

(b) whether substantial buildings crumbled down during the recent floods and a number of substantial houses now are in a critical condition on account of their being situated on the bank which is being eroded through; and

(c) whether the Government propose to construct a stone embankment with a view to prevent the danger?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no precise information in the matter. The report of the Collector of East Godavari, a copy of which has been placed on the table, gives some indication of the damage done.

(c) There is no such proposal before the Government. It is for the local body concerned to move in the matter in the first instance.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know whether the Government will call for the particular information because damage was done and further damage is imminent to buildings."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I do not think it is necessary, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"Now that the local body has not moved in the matter, will the Government take the initiative?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I think there is no necessity for that, Sir."